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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JUNICHI HAYASHI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/771,983) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: January 30, 2001) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS) April 2, 2001
FOR DETERMINING SPECIFIC :
IMAGES)

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>
09/606,012	June 29, 2000	N. Tagashira, et al.
09/688,108	October 16, 2000	T. Murakami, et al.

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

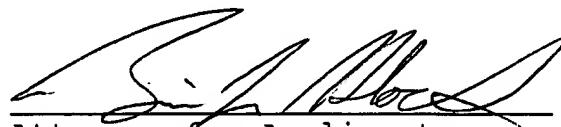
Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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